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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6985

BILL NUMBER: HB 1270

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 31, 2012

BILL AMENDED: Jan 30, 2012

SUBJECT: Commission for Higher Education.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Clere

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Kruse

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill abolishes the State Student Assistance Commission (SSAC). It abolishes the Commission on Proprietary Education (COPE). The bill requires the Commission for Higher Education (CHE) to administer the functions formerly administered by SSAC.

The bill establishes the Commission on Postsecondary Proprietary Education (CPPE). It provides that the CPPE is responsible for accrediting a postsecondary credit-bearing proprietary educational institution. It provides that the Commission for Higher Education is responsible for providing staff and office space for the CPPE.

The bill provides that the State Workforce Innovation Council is responsible for accrediting postsecondary proprietary educational institutions that are noncredit-bearing.

The bill provides that, on or before July 1, 2014, the CPPE may make a report to the Legislative Council regarding the transition of responsibilities from the Indiana Commission of Proprietary Education to the CPPE and may make recommendations. It provides that the market research of a postsecondary credit-bearing proprietary educational institution may not be considered or required by the CPPE as a condition for accrediting or renewing the accreditation of or for approval of the programs of a postsecondary credit-bearing proprietary educational institution.

The bill repeals: (1) provisions relating to establishment and administration of SSAC; (2) provisions relating to establishment and administration of COPE; (3) certain provisions requiring the Commission for Higher Education to provide SSAC information to implement the minority teacher or nursing scholarship program;

and (4) definitions relating to SSAC or COPE.

The bill adds transitional provisions. It makes conforming and technical amendments.

Effective Date: (Amended) Upon passage; July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The bill transfers all the real and personal property, powers, duties, assets, liabilities, and appropriations to the new authorities designated under this consolidation. The Commission for Higher Education is to provide CPPE with staff and office space. CPPE may also report to the Legislative Council regarding the transition of responsibilities from COPE to CPPE and may make recommendations for possible changes. The CHE, CPPE, and the State Workforce Innovation Council would be able to perform the current duties of SSAC and COPE within the current level of appropriations.

Background:

Agency	2013 Appropriation
Commission for Higher Education	\$1,255,225
State Student Assistance Commission	\$912,336
21st Century Administration	\$1,892,383
Freedom of Choice Grants	\$53,369,953
Higher Education Award Program	\$156,520,749
Nursing Scholarship Program	\$337,179
Tuition and Fee Exemption for Children of Veterans and Public Safety Officers	\$26,619,114
Part-Time Student Grant Distribution	\$7,851,835
Contract for Instructional-Opportunities for Southeastern Indiana	\$207,000
Minority Teacher Scholarship Fund	\$415,919
College Work Study Program	\$837,719
21st Century Scholars Awards	\$29,109,298
National Guard Scholarship	\$2,806,588
Total	\$280,880,073
Commission on Proprietary Education	\$273,550

Currently, SSAC has 23 employees, CHE has 12 employees, and COPE has 5 employees.

SSAC receives approximately 459,000 financial aid applications annually and provides about \$277 M in financial aid to about 74,000 students.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State Student Assistance Commission, Commission on Proprietary Education, Commission for Higher Education, State Workforce Innovation Council.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: State Student Assistance Commission *2009-2010 Annual Report*, <http://www.in.gov/ssaci/2394.htm>; Commission for Higher Education, Jason Dudlich.

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